



ABC Update October 2014

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ABC Enforcement to Have Continued Presence at College Tailgating Events

Focus is on preventing underage drinking

College football season is upon us, and with that the traditions of tailgating and excitement in the stadiums across the country. Here in Kentucky, many enjoy the fun and fellowship that accompanies tailgating.



Tailgating is also a time when the law enforcement community turns its eye to ensuring safety because there are large numbers of people with readily available alcohol.

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) Enforcement Division will continue to make a concerted and prioritized effort this season at college football games across the Commonwealth to deter underage drinking, drinking too much and related problems.

Besides having a presence in student sections and stadiums, division investigators will be at points-of-sale on the perimeters of campuses to cite those who commit illegal actions such as sales to minors, adults providing for minors and use of fraudulent identification.

"Tailgating has risen in popularity over the last several years. Sadly, underage consumption of alcohol at these events has increased as well," Enforcement Director Mike Razor said. "One of the primary goals of the ABC is to curb underage access to alcohol. ABC investigators will be in attendance at as many tailgating events as possible this season. It is against the law to consume alcohol if you are under 21 years of age. If you are caught in possession of alcohol you will be cited. Any person assisting a minor to obtain alcohol will be cited, fined and possibly jailed. Enjoy the game. Stay legal and stay safe."

The investigators in ABC's Enforcement Division are vested by law with full police powers to enforce all state laws. Investigators are strategically located throughout the state to maximize their special emphasis on the enforcement of Kentucky's alcohol laws. A top priority of the ABC Enforcement Division is combating youth access to alcohol.

Recognizing Fake Identifications

There is nothing new about a young person attempting to use a fake identification to purchase alcohol. However, these identifications are always evolving making detection by those in the industry difficult at times.

As technology advances, so do changes to fake IDs. Gone are the days of peeling laminate and inserting a picture to change identity. Today's young people are savvy when it comes to creating fraudulent identifications. Many are using computers to digitally create identifications from home or school. The internet also serves as a source of fake identifications. For a minimal fee, an individual can provide certain basic information and have an identification created for them. These IDs are often very good and hard to identify.

The borrowed ID continues to be the most commonly used identification by minors however. In this situation, an individual simply borrows another person's ID to purchase alcohol.

There are several ways to prepare employees for checking identifications. Make sure that employees have access to adequate lighting and a black light for proper inspection. Place copies of the ID Checking Guide or a similar ID manual in conspicuous locations throughout the establishment so that employees may have easy access when checking identifications with which they are not familiar. Finally, and the best way to be prepared, is to have all employees trained in a responsible beverage server training program such as the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's S.T.A. R. program.

October and November S.T.A.R. Schedule

Date	Time	City	County	Location
10/07/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
10/11/2014	9:00AM	Grayson	Carter	Lifeline Office
10/13/2014	5:00PM	Frankfort	Franklin	Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control
10/13/2014	5:00PM	Owensboro	Daviess	Cigar Factory Mall
10/14/2014	9:00AM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
10/18/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
10/20/2014	9:00AM	London	Laurel	Holiday Inn Express
10/20/2014	6:00PM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
10/21/2014	9:00AM	Corbin	Whitley	City Hall-Corbin
10/21/2014	9:00AM	Cadiz	Trigg	Lake Barkley State Resort Park
10/25/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
10/27/2014	9:00AM	Cave City	Barren	Cave City Convention Center
10/28/2014	5:00PM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
10/28/2014	9:00AM	Murray	Calloway	Murray State University Curris Center
11/03/2014	9:00AM	Ashland	Boyd	Transit Center
11/04/2014	9:00AM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
11/04/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton